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**HBO’s “John Adams”**

**Episode 1 – “Join or Die”**

1. How would you characterize the actions of the “Sons of Liberty”? (The people leading the protest)
2. Why does John Adams choose to defend the soldiers in court, and why is this a difficult decision for him to make?
3. After defending the soldiers, was Adams’ reputation hurt or helped? Give evidence to support your answer.
4. What role does Abigail Adams play in her husband’s life? Do you think that this role is unique for the time period? Give evidence to support your answer.
5. What is John Adams response to the events following the Boston Tea Party? What does this say about his character and beliefs?
6. What finally wins John Adams over to the patriot’s cause?
7. After Adams is chosen to meet with the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, what does he say about “rights” in his passionate speech?